

REMARKS

Applicants file this Reply to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on May 25, 2007 within a one (1) month extension period for reply. Claims 1-46 were pending and the Examiner rejects these claims. Applicants cancel various claims without prejudice to filing one or more claims having similar subject matter. Applicants add new claims 47-51. Support for the amendments and new claims may be found in the originally-filed specification, claims, and figures. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments and new claims.

The Examiner rejects various claims based on obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. However, to expedite prosecution, Applicants file herewith two Terminal Disclaimers as suggested by the Examiner.

The Examiner next rejects claims 1-46 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations of Catan, Brooks, Goodman, Smithies, Black, and Teicher. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. However, to expedite prosecution, Applicants amend the independent claims, as explained below, so these rejections are now moot.

Applicant amends the independent claims 1, 22 and 34 to include all of the elements from issued independent claim 1 from U.S. Patent No. 7,154,375, and the '375 Patent includes the same specification as the present specification. As such, Applicants assert that, since the added elements were previously considered patentable, then the present independent claims 1, 22 and 34 (which add additional elements to the previously allowed elements) should also be considered patentable.

The dependent claims variously depend from independent claims 1, 22 and 34, so Applicants assert that the dependent claims are differentiated from the cited art for the same reasons as set forth above, in addition to their own respective features.

Applicants add new dependent claims 47-54 which are the issued claims from U.S. Patent No. 7,239,226 from which the present application claims priority. As such, Applicants assert that, since claims 47-54 were previously considered patentable, then the same claims depending from independent claim 1 should also be considered patentable. In other words, claims 47-54 contain patentable subject matter, so adding elements (improvements) from claim 1 should also be considered patentable subject matter.

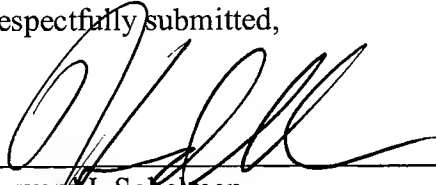
Applicants also add new dependent claims 55-58 which are the issued claims from U.S. Patent No. 7,154,375, and the '375 Patent includes the same specification as the present

specification. As such, Applicants assert that, since claims 55-58 were previously considered patentable, then the same claims depending from independent claim 1 should also be considered patentable.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. **The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2814.** Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general.

Respectfully submitted,

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